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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

1. HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY IRISH AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA (GAYNOR), WHO HAS BEEN OBSERVING HRC SESSIONS AND HAS TAKEN PART IN WEO GROUP MEETINGS, THAT TODAY'S IRISH PRESS, A DUBLIN NEWSPAPER, CONTAINS A STORY WHICH ALLEGES THAT I HAVE PROMISED TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF ALLEGED BRITISH BRUTALITY OR TORTURE IN NORTHERN IRELAND DURING THE PRESENT HRC SESSION. SOURCE OF STORY APPEARS TO BE A MR. FRANK MCMANUS, A FORMER BRITISH MMP. WHO RESIDES IN SOUTH TYRONE IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

2. I HAVE MET WITH MR MCMANUS, WHO CAME TO GENEVA TO DISCUSS NORTHERN IRISH PROBLEMS AND TO INFORM HIMSELF ABOUT THE PROCEDURES OF THE HRC. MR MCMANUS UNDERSTOOD THAT OUR DISCUSSIONS WERE IN LINE WITH OUR GENERAL POLICY OF LISTENING TO ANYONE FROM
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ANYWHERE WHO BELIEVES HE OR SHE HAS A COMPLAINT ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS APPROPRATE TO THE WORK OF THE HRC. MCMANUS WAS TOLD SPECIFICALLY THAT THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO POSSIBILITY THAT WE WOULD PROPOSE AN AGENDA ITEM DEALING WITH NORTHERN IRELAND AT THE PRESENT HRC SESSION. I ADVISED MCMANUS THAT IF HE WISHED TO PROCEED WITH AN HRC APPROACH HE SHOULD

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CONSIDER THE 1503 PROCEDURES.

3. FOREGOING HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH IRISH AMBASSADOR GAYNOR AND WITH SIR KEITH UNWIN, THE UK REP TO THE HRC. BOTH EXPRESSED FULL UNDERSTANDING OF MY POSITION AND HAVE ASSURED ME THAT THEY HAVE NO FURTHER CONCERN ABOUT THE MATTER AS REPORTED IN STORIES SUCH AS THAT IN THE IRISH PRESS. I INTEND ALSO TO TRY TO TELEPHONE MCMANUS IF I CAN LOCATE HIM TO ADVISE HIM OF MY EXTREME DISPLEASURE OVER ERRONEOUS REPORTS ABOUT OUR CONVERSATIONS. CATTO

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